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Koerner's New Returning Board

Mr. Koerner and his Funder Committee may run for dear life, but they have the shirt of Nessus sticking to and burning into their skins. They proposed a compromise and they, to their surprise, found the Readjusters ready to compromise with them by leaving it to the very class of voters which Mr. Koerner's committee appealed to in May last. And this Mr. Koerner's committee declined. They then said that in the meetings to send delegates to their 19 May Convention even negroes were invited to participate, if they "intended to support the Cincinnati nominees." That was the sole test, and all "citizens irrespective of party political associations or differences were 'invited' to participate in these meetings. There was no poll tax disfranchisement. It was not confined to those who had voted with the Democrats. The simple test was a 'propose to do so.' Now let the reader note the fact that Mr. Koerner's Funder Committee asked Gen. Mahone's Readjuster Committee to meet them for a compromise and that Mahone's committee accepted Koerner's own test, set up by him last spring and last fall. Koerner's Committee declined it. Let it be remembered too that Koerner's Committee were willing to a primary vote provided they could constitute themselves a sort of Louisiana Returning Board, to disfranchise and throw out a large portion of the vote that will be cast for Hancock and English next November. But the reader shall not have just our word for it. The following extract is from the proceedings of Mr. Koerner's Committee held at the Ballard House in Richmond the 10th of last March, when they called their 19th May State Convention.

"The Chair stated that the objects of the meeting were to fix upon a time and place for holding the State Convention, and to appoint delegates to the National Democratic Convention."

Several days were proposed for holding the said convention.

Gen. Grover wanted some information as to the way the delegates were to be chosen.

Dr. Wise stated that he wanted to know whether a large portion of the Conservative party, who were counted out in the last canvass, were to be admitted as voters or as erring brethren.

THE CALL FOR A CONVENTION.

Col. Duke offered the following resolution:

"A convention of the Conservative party of Virginia will be held in the city of—on the—day of—1880, at 12 M., for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Democratic National Convention, which is to meet in Cincinnati on June 22d, 1880."

"All Conservatives, Democrats, or other citizens of Virginia, irrespective of party political associations or differences, who are willing to unite in the effort for a pure, economical and constitutional government, and intend to support the nominees of the Cincinnati Convention, and to oppose the nominees of the Republican party, are entitled to participate in meetings to send delegates to said convention. There shall be a delegate and one alternate to every one hundred Conservative voters and multiples of one hundred exceeding fifty, on the basis of the Tilden and Hendricks vote in Virginia in November, 1876, to be elected or appointed in such manner as the county and city organizations may prescribe."

Mr. Stovall wanted to know if the call included all classes of citizens.

Col. Duke said it did.

Dr. Wise wished to know if it included negroes also.

Col. Duke replied, "If they intend to support the nominees of the Cincinnati Convention."

Col. Duke's resolution (amended so as to make Richmond the place and May 15th the time of meeting) was adopted.

This was when Mr. Koerner was calling his Convention to help Cincinnati nominate Hancock. The other day when he was pretending to compromise to help Cincinnati elect Hancock, he wanted to disfranchise every half-breed who had called on to help him in May.

Is not the impudence of this theory a little sublime? Is it not pregnant with insincerity?

Mr. Koerner is caught in his own trap, and when he began to trifle with the Readjuster Committee in that way it was time for the Readjusters to adjourn the farce, and disperse this new proposed Returning Board.

Grand Rally.

There will be a mass meeting of the Readjusters of Washington county at Abingdon on the 4th Monday of October 1880, Court day. Distinguished speakers are invited. F. B. Herr, Chairman.

MAINE.

At last it has been definitely decided that the Fusionists have carried the State of Maine by a small plurality, thus reducing the Republican majority some fifteen thousand and carrying the State against them. Now if the Democrats should carry Indiana on the 12th of October, Mr. Garfield had just as well withdraw from the contest, and the glorious victory in Maine is not likely to be followed by anything less than success in Indiana.

WHY?

If the reader will give us his attention we propose to consider why every Readjuster should vote for the July electoral ticket.

Next year we have to elect a Governor and Legislature, and the Legislature will have to select the members of the present Supreme Court. This includes the two departments that have heretofore retarded the purpose of the people to have the Debt of Va. Readjusted. If we can have the Governor and the Court of Readjusters the matter of the Debt will be very promptly settled. If the Funders can dissolve our organization this year, so as to defeat us next year, they will have deferred the triumph of Readjustment for a period of years again. They will then have the veto of the Governor on us for four years more, and the veto of the Supreme Court for twelve years more. It has long been their purpose to tide over the shoal of 1881 if possible by riding into public confidence under Hancock's coat tail in 1880. It is useless to say that if they can be prevented from the accomplishment of this purpose their defeat may be regarded as secure.

The Funders are responsible for the fact that there are two Hancock tickets in the field, because they have for nine years resisted Readjustment and have declared that they would see the party destroyed before they would see the Debt Readjusted. At any time they could have secured the unity of the party by consenting to Readjustment. Their whole conduct shows that they will see Democracy any time endangered rather than Fusionism. The party having split on this question it was perfectly in their power to have had it reunited, so far as the Presidential election is concerned, at the recent conference at Richmond. But there they showed again their disregard of the popular will, by refusing to leave it to the same class of voters that they called on to aid them in making the Cincinnati nomination. Then they wished again to limit suffrage, and to disfranchise still another class of voters. The law allows poll tax to be paid the day before election. These Funders endeavored at the conference to apply that test seventeen days earlier. The aim of all the trouble is that the Funders hate Readjustment more than they do Republicanism, else they would yield Readjustment and leave but one battle on hand.

If they can use Hancock as a wedge to split Readjustment, with they will take their chances thereby to prevent the two factions ever getting together again.

There is no longer any danger to Hancock in Va. There will be no vote worth mentioning for Garfield. It is merely a question whether Readjustment shall hang together and cast the electoral vote of the State, or aid the Funders in carrying their May ticket, so that its election should set to beating all the Funder drums and tin pans in the State over the defeat of the Readjuster party.

YESTERDAY WAS A mournful day for the friends of Koerner's new Returning Board at Abingdon. Bailey now has his game bag full of McKinney's fine feathers, and is distributing them as trophies among the Readjusters of the county. The Bourbons looked the picture of mourning as they saw their stump God relieved of his plumage.

Fulkerson, when we left the Court House was astraddle of Trigg and was picking from his comb tidbits that he smoked his mouth on with very cool delight. The Funders seemed disgusted with McKinney, and as he proceeded the paddle brigade seemed to sink in their shoes, until at last there were no more than half a dozen who dared applaud at all, and they were "powerful weak."

It was a fine day for Readjusters, and you will hear Washington county boom five weeks from today.

IF!

If a Readjuster wishes the public debt of Virginia in its present shape fastened on the people for a century to come, coupons, non-taxable feature, ALLES amendment and all, he would vote the May ticket, so as to disintegrate the Readjuster party and thus put the Funders back in power again. If he wishes to unite in a Funder celebration over the burial of Readjustment next November, and see them exult and crow over the downfall of our party, and to add them in beating drums and tin pans, he should vote the May ticket. If he wishes to endorse their course in having the will of the people violated and the decisive battle tied over until the Presidential election should come to bridge them over the election of another Governor and over the election of a new Supreme Court, he should vote the May ticket. If he wishes to endorse their purpose to split Democracy rather than split the Funder party he should vote the May ticket. If he wishes to place himself in a position of trying to disfranchise a large portion of the voters of Va. in order to cast out on Readjustment he should vote for the May ticket.

The Discussion at Abingdon.

Yesterday almost the entire day was taken up in political speeches. The great Goliath of the Funders, Col. P. W. McKinney, of Farmville, the co-elect of large with Gen. Echols, and the most widely lauded Funder speaker on the Va. stump was met and unhorsed by D. F. Bailey, Esq. Col. McKinney brought a large reputation with him, but he goes back short of it. He made the most bombastic, unwise and impracticable speech we have heard in this extraordinary campaign. Bailey made a good speech, and gave McKinney a very sound drubbing, to the delight and surprise of the crowd. McKinney declared his Bourbon party to be a white man's party, and this a white man's country. As a Democrat we should be ashamed to see his speech in print, and if published worth it would lose us several States.

The trio of Congressional candidates,

Mr. Trigg, Gov. McMullan and Col. Fulkerson next spoke in the order named. Both Trigg and McMullan directed their batteries solely against Fulkerson, making no mention of each other whatever. This, Fulkerson made good use of, as it was plainly visible neither one of them regarded the other at all likely of election. Fulkerson read the opening paragraph of McMullan's card, and said that the Governor had been nominated by a convention of one lawyer, and his nomination had been endorsed by another one, and now his convention of one had gone back on him. When the editor of the NEWS left Fulkerson was making a powerful speech against Trigg, and seemed to have nearly the whole house with him. Certainly a very large majority of it. He spoke with more than double the animation and effect he did at Bristol. Trigg had again said that he who laid down with Republicans would get up with ticks on him, and Fulkerson was showing that the party that nominated Trigg, and therefore Trigg, had made so many efforts to lie down with the Republicans that, according to his own beautiful figure of speech, if he would stand up one could take a stick and knock a quart of ticks from him at a single stroke.

THE LEE SENTINEL has changed ownership, and now comes out under the name of W. A. Orr, Esq., as owner and editor. It espouses the cause of the people and Readjustment. Mr. Orr will make it an engine of much good in the great county of Lee. He is a gentleman of ability and information.

THE PEARLSBURG VIRGINIAN says Mr. Trigo is a boy 22 years old. He has been Attorney for the Commonwealth in this county for six years and must have been elected at the age of 16. He says he served four years in the war, which commenced over 20 years ago, so that he must have volunteered at an age that required a sucking bottle with him. We do not know Mr. Trigo's age, but suppose he is not less than 35.

Fulkerson's triumph at Abingdon yesterday over Trigg was most complete, and McKinney went back minus the big reputation he brought along with him. Bailey has now McKinney's comb in his back. In fact yesterday was a red letter day for the Readjusters.

COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor: Your paper of the 21st inst. contains a paragraph in allusion to myself which is calculated to mislead those of my friends who are disposed to respect my political status. I therefore beg the favor of being permitted to set myself right in the matter complained of.

You report me as saying that the offer of the Mahone committee "to submit to a vote of the people the two electoral tickets, was a fair proposition." In advance of any knowledge of the details of the proposition I did say that it seemed a fair proposition. Now I repeat, as a naked proposition, and eliminated of all offensive conditions, no fair minded man would object to this mode of settlement. In fact, the Koerner committee did accept this mode of settlement, and based on a few modifications, which the other committee could not have objected to, if they had really desired a settlement. As a general proposition, therefore, I grant that a vote of the people is a fair mode of determining any public question. But the question with conditions both offensive and unreasonable is quite a different thing. And this is exactly what the Mahone committee did.

After seeing the letter of the Mahone proposition, the conviction came in my mind that in its terms and tone, it was a document characterized by all that is arrogant in assumption and disrespectful in political diplomacy, and so far from being a fair proposition, nothing could be more unfair.

If it is a matter of any public interest, we will here state our position and that of a number of persons who belong to the Goodwin H. & E. club on the whole debt question. We advocate, first, the support of the government; second, the support of the public schools; third, the reduction of the debt, if possible, by negotiation and compromise; and fourth, no increase of taxes, for any purpose, above the present rate. Holding these views, we are for NO PRESENT PAYMENT with our creditors, without resorting to forcible measures, or measure having the least taint of repudiation. We don't care whether you call this Fusionism or Readjustment. And as we are all Democrats of the "old school," we mean to stand by those principles. If Democrats, who had the manliness to declare before-hand their uncompromising opposition to the principles of the radical party and boldly entered the Cincinnati convention to aid in bearing aloft the Democratic banner. In this contest we shall not be found flinching and cowering and treating with the enemy as the enemy of peace. All the powers of darkness may combine against us, but we shall stand firm to our principles and our friends, and if go down we must, we shall go down with our faces toward the foe. Those are the sentiments of the Goodwin H. & E. club and entertaining them, we mean to support the May electoral ticket. In saying, as we do, that it is desecrating of our party, and that it represents the only real and unadulterated Democracy in the State.

Respectfully,

J. H. WINSTON,
Pres. G. H. & E. Club.

A Cæcean Operation.

TWELVE DOCTORS ASSIST AT A BIRTH—THE EXTRAORDINARY SURGICAL FEAT WHICH SAVED THE LIFE OF A MOTHER AND HER BABY.

Philadelphia Record.

An extraordinary surgical operation was performed yesterday in this city upon Mrs. Burnell, a dwarf, who has been making a living for years by traveling with shows throughout the country. She is forty-two inches in height and thirty-two in width. Her husband is also a dwarf. About seven weeks ago Mrs. Burnell, knowing that she was about to become a mother, called upon several physicians. Investigation developed the fact that, owing to her peculiar deformity, it would be impossible for her to give birth to a child in the usual manner. At first it was thought the best plan to have the woman submit to a craniological operation, in which the head would be crushed and the child removed in pieces, but the physicians discovered that on account of the formation of the pelvic bones this would also be impossible. Then the Cæcean operation was determined upon. Early yesterday morning the physi-

chans, to the number of nearly a dozen, arrived at the residence on second St., below Spruce, where the unfortunate woman was stopping. She was somewhat nervous, but resolute and determined. Dr. Rickards was the chief operator, assisted by Drs. Bell, Smith, Henry, Stuart and others. Mrs. Burnell was placed under the influence of ether and the operation began, and was proceeded with according to Porro's method. An incision was made on the median line of the abdomen, and the abdominal walls were cut through. The womb was removed, an incision made in it to correspond with those in the abdominal walls, and the infant released. After that the womb was restored to its bed and closed, and the other parts brought together. The clothing and all articles in the room were subjected to a solution of carbolic acid spray, according to Lyster's method, during the operation. The pulse of the woman remained excellent throughout the whole of this severe trial, and all her symptoms were favorable. The child was alive at a late hour last night, was vigorous and gave promise of being counted in at the next census. The mother had not returned to consciousness until 10 o'clock, but her condition was such that the physician firmly believed that she will recover, unless peritonitis occurs.

Under the system pursued by the doctors both mother and child have a chance for life, but had the craniological operation been performed there is no doubt but they would have died. Such an operation has not been performed in this city for a number of years, and the condition of the mother will be watched with interest. The child weighs about six pounds.

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